Communal violence in States

1009. SHRIMATI SUPRIYA SULE: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether in view of the various communal riots in various parts of the country, Centre has sought reports from States on communal violence;

(b) if so, whether Centre has imposed a ban on organization who indulge in communal violence;

(c) if so, which are the organizations that have been banned and whether some more organizations which are creating violence are being banned; and

(d) the other steps to check communal violence which have been increasing day-by-day?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The Government constantly monitors the communal situation in the country. The Government, from time to time, has been seeking reports from State Governments on various organisations who are posing threat to secular fabric of the country. The activities of all such organisations are also under constant watch of the law enforcement agencies. The Students Islamic Movement of India (SIMI) and the Deendar Anjuman are two such organisations which have been declared as unlawful associations under the Unlawful activities (Prevention) Act, 1967.

(d) To maintain communal harmony in the country, the Central Government assists the State Governments/Union Territory Administrations in a variety of ways like sharing of intelligence, sending alert messages, in the modernization of the State Police Forces, sending Central para-military Forces to the concerned State Governments on specific request including the composite Rapid Action Force which has been created specially to deal with communal situations. In addition, the Union Government sends advisories and Guidelines in this regard from time to time.

The Central Government has also introduced a Bill titled 'The Communal Violence (Prevention, Control and Rehabilitation of Victims) Bill, 2005' in Rajya Sabha to address various aspects of the issue of communal violence. The Central Government has also circulated revised Guidelines to promote communal harmony in the month of June, 2008 to the States and Union Territories.

Negotiations with the insurgency leaders of NER

1010. SHRI BISWAJIT DAIMARY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the measures taken for negotiations with the insurgency leaders of North Eastern Region (NER) alongwith names of the insurgency groups since last five years;

(b) the provisions and arrangements made for peace process in NER especially in Assam being a gateway of NER and biggest State of the region;

(c) the details of alternative arrangements made for the NER region for immediate peace process especially in Assam; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI V. RADHIKA SELVI): (a) and (b) The Government is following a multi pronged policy to deal with insurgent and militant activities in the North East Region Which, *inter alia*, includes a willingness to talk to groups provided they abjure violence, seek resolution of their demands within the frame work of the Indian Constitution and come into the mainstream of national life. In pursuance of this policy, the Government has made cease-fire/Suspension of Operations arrangements with United People's Democratic Solidarity (UPDS), Dima Halam Daogah (DHD) and National Democratic Front of Boroland (NDFB) in Assam, Kuki National Organization and United People's Front and its constituents in Manipur, Achik National Volunteer Council (ANVC) in Meghalaya and the National Socialist Council of Nagaland (IM) [NSCN (I/N)] and National Socialist Council of Nagaland (K) [NSCN (K)] in Nagaland. Two Coys of 28 Bn. of ULFA mainly active in Upper Assam have also declared unilateral Cease-fire on 24th June, 2008. These arrangements are being regularly monitored and reviewed.

(c) and (d) While Government is encouraging the insurgent/militant outfits to join the main stream, action is also being taken by way of sustained counter insurgency operations against the elements who continue to indulge in violence and anti-national activities. Towards the end, the Central Government is supplementing the efforts of the State Governments in the region through various measures such as deployment of Central Security Forces to aid the State authorities in counter insurgency operations and providing security for vulnerable institutions and installations based on threat assessments; vigilance and surveillance on the border, including the construction of border fencing; roads and flood lighting; sharing of intelligence; financial assistance for strengthening of the local Police Forces and intelligence agencies under the Police Modernization Scheme; provision of assistance for various aspect of counter insurgency operations by way of reimbursement of security Related Expenditure; assistance to the States for raising additional Forces in the form of India Reserve Battalions; etc.

Serial blasts in Guwahati

1011. KUMAR DEEPAK DAS: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the serial blasts in Assam, particularly in Guwahati is due to the total failure of Government machinery;

(b) the details of the outcome of the various enquiries made by the Central Government;

(c) whether it is also a fact that in the place like Ganeshguri in the Guwahati city, bomb blast occurred for nineteen times;